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Dear George,

Working my way down through a stack on my desk this morning I came to the enclosed copy of Harry Livingstone's story of two months ago, his interviews with Dallas doctors in the JFK case. Sorry I apparently forgot to send it.

A Dallas friend has since spoken to some of these doctors. The story appears to be accurate. It got no play elsewhere of which I know.

This past Sunday, for the first time, I heard from Livingstone. Maybe I heard from him long ago and forgot it. Anyway, he is on the lam, from what he said I believe somewhere in Maine. He thinks they - should be "they" - are out to get him. "They" include David Phillips. He says that HSCA testimony in Vol X, pp.46-52 shows that Phillips was Maurice Bishop. I told him I don't believe the Veciana story and I don't.

It happens that Jim Adams called me first about what Livingstone called me about, the story on the Oswald exhumation. The second development was a story out of Dallas, that the Commission had planned to do away with Oswald's body. I told Jim that I believe this is an interpretation of part of an executive session transcript, possibly one of the two I gave you when I got them last in a lawsuit, that of 1/21/64. (It may have been in the part of that transcript I got earlier.) Other interpretations are possible, if I recall correctly.

My recollection is unclear on what was bugging Livingston Sunday. He actually phoned me three times about it. He says that Oswald is buried undee a fake name and that is the body is now exhumed it will be the wrong body.

I recall something like this from the time of the first efforts to bury Oswald but I have no reason to believe that his body is not under his tombstone now. There was a real stink when he was firs buried. Couldn't even get a preacher at first.

He says all of this is in a book I don't have, titled something like "The Man That Never Was." His recollection of the false name is something like William Bobo.

When he asked me what he should do or I could do I told him that Adams had called me and I could call Adams the next day so he could have his Dallas people check it if he wanted to and that I could call Golz. On the first call he thought this a good idea. On his next he thought it best to let "them" be trapped. I told him I did not agree. On his third he told me to call Jim and Earl. Even for a paranoid he was very excited. He fears for his life and claims attempts have been made. By "them."

When I phoned Jim I learned that Livingstone had already called before Jim got to the office and had left a number for a call-back. I know nothing since because after that I did not call Earl.

My own view is that the real Oswald was killed by Ruby and that Eddowes has improvised too much. The KGB angle is irrational, baseless. The parts about the ~~XXX~~ different descriptions of Oswald comes from some research done for me in 1967 that got around in Garrison's day and probably way. I did not draw from it the conclusion that a different man came back from the USSR. And I hope there is an exhumation to quiet some of the hut stuff. ...Also, I hear that the FBI developed a belated interest in the Bronson film, which appears to show multiple shapes in motion in the soecalled Oswald window at the time of the assassination. I discovered this in Dallas files and Golz got to see and print fcames of the film. Best, Harold Weisberg